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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION

HON.	<u>MYRON H. THOMPSON,</u>	JUDGE	AT	<u>MONTGOMERY,</u>	ALABAMA
DATE COMMENCED	<u>OCTOBER 30, 2006</u>		AT	<u>10:20</u> A.M./P.M.	
DATE COMPLETED	<u>NOVEMBER 1, 2006</u>		AT	<u>1:47</u> A.M./P.M.	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)		
)		
v)	CR NO 106cr101-MHT	
MATTHEW OKONKWO)		

<u>PLAINTIFF (S) /GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>APPEARANCES</u>	<u>DEFENDANT (S)</u>
AUSA Andrew O. Schiff	X X X X X	Atty Ben E. Bruner

<u>COURT OFFICIALS PRESENT:</u>		
Tashwanda Pinchback, Law Clerk	Anthony Green, Courtroom Deputy	Mitchell Reisner, Court Reporter

JURORS

1. John D. McCain	7. Sheri Fain Larimore
2. Anita Ballard Law	8. Sheila Hamrick Austin
3. James Eugene Wheeler	9. Beverly Schneider Lakin
4. Jumell Barker Tindol	10. Joanne M. Lecompte
5. Betty Williams House	11. Shirley Cobb Smith
6. James E. Thornton	12. Dorothy Klotz Bullen

ALTERNATE

13. Elmer Thomas Price, Jr.

JURY SELECTION/TRIAL

10:20 a.m. Court convened.
 Multiple voir dire begun (Cr Nos. 2:06cr218-MHT USA v Morris;
1:06cr101-MHT, USA v Okonkwo; 2:06cr173-MHT, USA v Lawson)
 Jury Selection held.
 12:45 a.m. Jury seated and excused until 9:00 a.m., 10/31/06

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1:47 p.m. Trial commenced. Parties stipulation of certain documents as exhibits as stated on the record. Witnesses (present) sworn; Witness Rule invoked. Jury sworn. Court's preliminary instructions to jury.

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**JURY TRIAL COMMENCING ON 10/31/06 BEFORE JUDGE MYRON H. THOMPSON
CR. 1:06cr101-MHT, USA vs. MATTHEW OKONKWO**

2:00 p.m.	Government's opening statements (12 mins)
2:12 p.m.	Defendant's opening statements (8 mins)
2:20 p.m.	Government's evidence commenced.
3:30 p.m.	Recess.
3:50 p.m.	Government's evidence continues.
4:50 p.m.	Recess until 9:00 a.m. 11/1/06

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9:28 a.m.	Court reconvened. Government's evidence continues.
10:25 a.m.	Government rests; Jury excused. Defendant's ORAL MOTION for Judgment of Acquittal. ORAL ORDER denying motion.
10:30 a.m.	Recess.
10:55 a.m.	Court reconvenes. No evidence from defendant. Defendant waives right to testify. Court finds defendant competent to waive right to testify; Court accepts waiver.
11:00 a.m.	Jury excused until 12:30 p.m.; Defendant rests. Defendant's Renewed ORAL MOTION for Judgment of Acquittal as a Matter of Law. ORAL ORDER denying motion.
11:05 a.m.	Recess.
11:45 a.m.	Charge Conference.
12:15 p.m.	Recess.
12:50 p.m.	Trial continued; Government's objections to jury charge; Defendant's objections to jury charge. Court's oral ruling on objections to jury charge, as stated on the record.
1:02 p.m.	Government's closing arguments (21 mins)
1:23 p.m.	Defendant's closing arguments (17 mins)
1:40 p.m.	Jury charged. Defendant's proposed correction to jury charge. No objections. Jury seated and advised of correction to jury charge; alternate excused.
2:15 p.m.	Jury deliberations commenced.
3:25 p.m.	JURY VERDICT of guilty as to all counts.
3:31 p.m.	Jury polled and discharged. Defendant adjudicated guilty; sentencing set for 1/18/07; Defendant remanded. Court adjourned.